

appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. MAC THORNBERRY AND HON. ROY BLUNT TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH JUNE 6, 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 25, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAC THORNBERRY and the Honorable ROY BLUNT to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through June 6, 2006.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointments are approved.

There was no objection.

PRIVILEGED REPORT ON RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY TO SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, from the Committee on Homeland Security, submitted an adverse privileged report (Rept. No. 109-484) on the resolution (H. Res. 809) directing the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the Secretary's possession relating to any existing or previous agreement between the Department of Homeland Security and Shirlington Limousine and Transportation, Incorporated, of Arlington, Virginia, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO DECLARE A RECESS ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2006, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING IN JOINT MEETING HER EXCELLENCY VAIRA VIKI-FREIBERGA, PRESIDENT OF LATVIA

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, June 7, 2006, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting Her Excellency Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of Latvia.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2006

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, June 7, 2006.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama?

There was no objection.

CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MAY 29, 2006

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today pursuant to this order, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 29, 2006, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in House Concurrent Resolution 418, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

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REPUBLICAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MCHENRY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to talk about accomplishments of this House. When the American people are facing rising gas prices, this Republican controlled House of Representatives, this Republican majority, has stepped forward and said, yes, we must use our natural resources that are available here in this country today to provide for our energy needs. We said, yes, we should drill in a very barren part of Alaska that some call ANWR. We said yes, we must move forward with a bold initiative for hydrogen research.

Mr. Speaker, I am so proud that my colleague from South Carolina sponsored the H-Prize. The H-Prize puts out a motivation for market forces and market research to be done, privately funded, and move forward with a way to power our economy through the use of hydrogen energy. It is a bold initiative, and this House passed it in the last few weeks. It is the right move and the right step forward.

Beyond that, we are working to constrain Washington spending, out-of-control government spending. What we

have done in this House is pass a budget bill. Now it does not come to balance as quickly or in a form that I would like in the amount of time I would like, but it does bring the budget closer to balance.

Beyond that, I was able to vote for an amendment that actually brings the budget to balance within 5 years, sponsored by the Republican Study Committee, called the Contract With America Renewed.

Now, we have done all this in the last few weeks in this House. Previously, and the American people need to know this, previously, this House acted on border security, which I am happy to see the Senate has actually come around to doing something on immigration. Unfortunately, I think it is a horrible, absolutely destructive plan for the United States.

But this House acted, this House has acted on border security by putting more Border Patrol officials on the southern border, by building a fence to protect our southern border, and doing what is right for our national security and our border security while at the same time providing for employers to verify whether or not those that come to be employed with their business, potential employees, are legal or not. It is the right move, Mr. Speaker, and I am very proud of this House of Representatives moving forward.

Additionally, what this House did, in closing, I would add, the House, this House, along with the Senate, and it was signed by the President just last week, we were able to extend the Bush tax cuts, \$70 billion in tax cuts, in order to ensure that the American people don't pay more next year in Federal taxes than they did this year, and, in order to make sure the stock market continues to move forward and to move our economy forward in a general basis as well as affect every small business owner across this great country of ours. We have ignited this economic growth because of these tax cuts, and we, here, the Republican majority, we are moving forward and ensuring that that economy continues to grow across this great Nation of ours.

Mr. Speaker, I am very proud of the work of this Republican majority, led by our Speaker, DENNIS HASTERT, led by a conservative Republican majority willing to make the tough decisions to move America forward. We should be proud of our accomplishments. We should go home after Memorial Day, Mr. Speaker, we should go home and tout these accomplishments. Let the American people know that what we are doing is good for them. It is good to their pocketbooks. It is good for their family. It has the right values, and it constrains the government so that families can grow and prosper as well as business owners.

It is a good thing to do, and I am proud of our ability to act and move the agenda forward even when the other side of the aisle gets so mired in attacks and negative politics. I am so